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TAGS: OREP (FREEMAN, CONSTANCE/MANTEL, ROBERT/ROUSSEAU,
RUDOLPH)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL FREEMAN/MANTEL/ROUSSEAU

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES STAFFDEL VISIT AND WILL BE
PLEASED TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE CALLS. FSO WALTER
H. MANGER WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER.

2. CONCERNING ROUSSEAU'S AUGUST 8-13 VISIT TO
INDIA:

A. WE SUGGEST THAT ROUSSEAU CALL ON FOLLOWING
HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTARY
AGENCIES:

IBRD RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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DIRECTOR OF CARE/INDIA

DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE

B. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT HE CALL ON RESIDENT

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REPRESENTATIVE OF FORD FOUNDATION, WHICH STILL HAS A

SIZABLE PROGRAM IN INDIA.

C. CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS WITH GOI OFFICIALS, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ROUSSEAU IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN POLICY ASPECTS OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. IF SO, WE CAN ARRANGE CALLS ON THE THREE SENIOR GOI OFFICERS IN THIS FIELD: SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE; SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE; AND SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, IF ROUSSEAU IS MORE INTERESTED IN THE DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (PRIMARILY PL-480), WE CAN ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH WORKING-LEVEL GOI OFFICIALS (AT THE ADDITIONAL SECRETARY LEVEL). PLEASE ADVISE.

D. WE PROPOSE THAT ROUSSEAU BEGIN HIS PROGRAM IN DELHI MORNING OF AUGUST 9 WITH MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE US MISSION PERSONNEL.

E. WE ALSO WONDER IF ROUSSEAU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THE OPERATIONS OF A VOLUNTARY AGENCY IN THE FIELD. IF SO, WE CAN ARRANGE THAT HE VISIT A CARE OR CRS FIELD OPERATION OUTSIDE OF CALCUTTA. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AMPLE TIME FOR SUCH A TRIP, WE SUGGEST THAT ROUSSEAU CHANGE TRAVEL PLANS SO THAT HE DEPARTS DELHI LATE AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING AUGUST 11 FOR CALCUTTA (IC 493 DEPARTS AT 1700 HOURS, IC 264 DEPARTS AT 2000 HOURS, FLIGHT TAKES APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS). HE COULD THEN SPEND FULL DAY OF AUGUST 12 VISITING VOLAG FIELD PROJECT AND DEPART FOR Dacca THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A DAILY INDIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT DEPARTING CALCUTTA AT 1540 HOURS, ARRIVING Dacca AT 1700 HOURS. CONGEN CALCUTTA MAY WISH TO CONFIRM THIS.) PLEASE ADVISE IF ROUSSEAU IS INTERESTED IN SUCH A PROGRAM.

CONTROL OFFICER MANGER INVITES ROUSSEAU TO STAY AT HIS APARTMENT (WHICH IS NEAR EMBASSY). PLEASE ADVISE.
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3. REGARDING MANTEL'S TENTATIVE PLANS TO VISIT DELHI AT END OF AUGUST, WE WILL FORWARD SUGGESTIONS FOR HIS PROGRAM BY SEPTTEL. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD TO RECEIVE A MORE PRECISE OUTLINE OF MANTEL'S AREA OF INTEREST IN THE POLITICAL/ MILITARY FIELD.

4. WE NOTE IN TRAVEL SCHEDULES IN REFTEL THAT
FREEMAN APPARENTLY DOES NOT PLAN TO VISIT INDIA.
PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THIS IS THE CASE.
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